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- 1. In the Hungarian Ministry of Mining and Power, a deficit of 100 million Forints in the first quarter of 1952, was recorded at the beginning of February. A deficit in such an amount was expected in the Ministry's calculations for the first quarter but as it has already been reached by February 1952, a much greater deficit will be incurred.
- 2 The reason for this deficit is the crippling shortage of coal in Hungary, which is having a most marked effect on the over-all production of the country's industry.
- 3. So serious is the crisis that many factories, having themselves only a few days' stock, have received orders to deliver coal urgently by road to other plants which were running out of fuel. Many orders for coal placed late last year and already paid for could not be met.
- 4. The Central Board for Coal Distribution has broken down almost completely. Practically no coal is supplied for domestic consumption and people have to queue for a few kilograms of fuel.

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